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1. IN THREE HOUR CONVERSATION AT EMBASSY MARCH 17 WITH
ROMANIAN DISSIDENT AUTHOR PAUL GOMA, EMBOFFS CONFIRMED THAT
ALLEGATIONS MADE CONCERNING DETENTION OF SOME ROMANIANS
IN PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTIONS WERE BASED ON TESTIMONY GIVEN
TO GOMA BY FOUR INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN UPI STORY (MUNICH
769), ALL OF WHOM ARE NOW FREE AND AT LEAST ONE OF WHOM
(CATRINESCU) IS SOON EXPECTED TO RECEIVE A PASSPORT AND
LEAVE THE COUNTRY. IN THEIR TESTIMONY THEY CLAIMED TO
HAVE BEEN INTERNED BY AUTHORITIES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS
FOR PERIODS OF UP TO THREE MONTHS. THEY ALSO TOLD
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GOMA THAT MANY OF THE DOCTORS AT INSTITUTIONS HAD
BEEN HELPFUL TO THEM AND IN SOME CASES HAD CONTRA-
DICTED ORIGINAL DIAGNOSIS ON WHICH CONFINEMENT HAD
BEEN ORDERED. IN ADDITION ONE INDIVIDUAL (CATRINESCU)
SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED HER CONFINEMENT VIA LEGAL MEANS.

2. PERHAPS MORE SERIOUS THAN THOSE CASES WHICH HE HAS DISCLOSED

TO PRESS IS ANOTHER INSTANCE WHICH GOMA IS PRESENTLY DOCUMENTING INVOLVING A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF "POLITICAL PARANOIA," SENT TO A MENTAL INSTITUTION AND FORCEABLY TREATED WITH POSSIBLY HARMFUL DRUGS.

3. CONVERSATION WITH GOMA CONFIRMED PREVIOUS EMBASSY REPORTING ON ACTIVITIES OF DISSIDENTS AND WILL BE REPORTED VIA SEPARATE AIRGRAM.

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